## Chapter 14. Foreign Travel/Passport

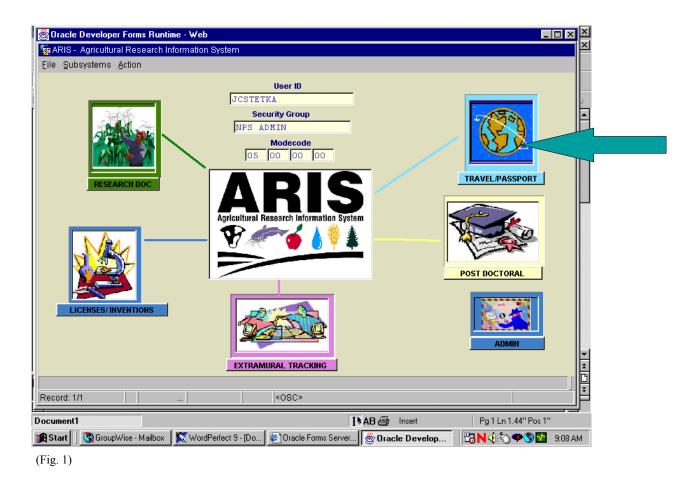
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The Travel/Passport System contains information regarding foreign travel to attend international meetings, work-related foreign travel and passport tracking.

All nominations for ARS employees to attend international meetings and all work-related ARS foreign travel must be entered into the Foreign Travel System for review and approval. The system is also used as a planning and management tool.

In order to enter the Travel System, from the ARIS main menu, click on the Travel/Passport icon (fig. 1).



#### Entering a New Trip

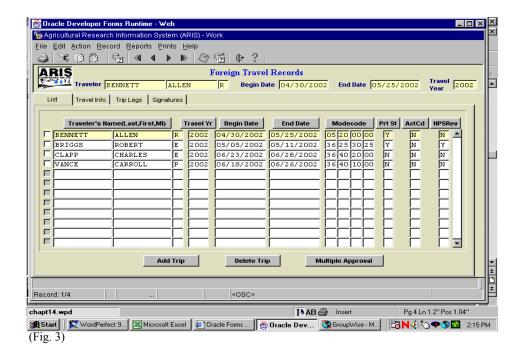
From the ARIS main menu, click on the Travel/Passport icon, and the Travel/Passport main screen will be displayed (fig. 2)

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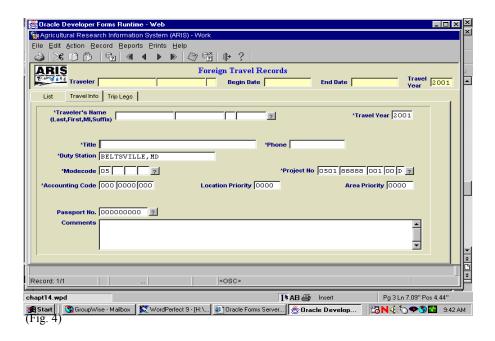


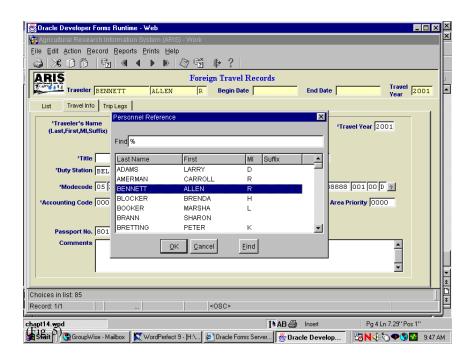
From this screen, click on "Work" and "FTIS Records" from the toolbar and the Work File List screen will be displayed (fig. 3). If there are any records currently in your work file, they will be displayed here.

In order to enter a new trip, click on the "Add Trip" button at the bottom of the screen and a blank Travel Information screen will be displayed (fig. 4).



Enter all the information on the Travel Info screen. The traveler's name must be selected by clicking on the "?" By clicking on the "?" a listing of employees will be displayed (fig. 5). Scroll down the list to find the correct traveler or search for the employee. Once the employee is located, highlight the person and click on "OK" and the name will automatically be inserted in the Travel Info screen along with the traveler's mode code and passport number.

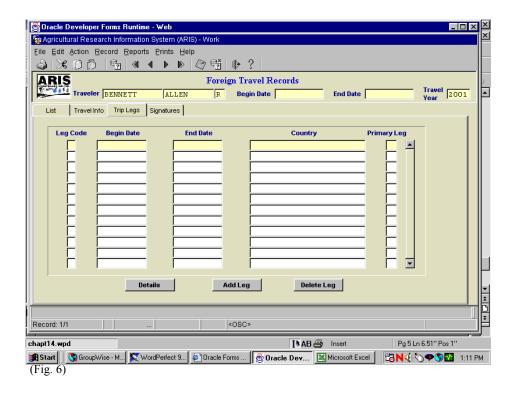


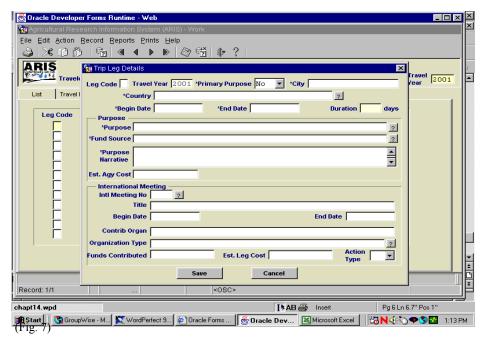


Remember to add any comments that would be pertinent to the trip and/or helpful for the approving officials. (The more information the better).

When all data entry is complete, click in the Trip Legs tab and the Trip Leg List screen will be displayed (fig. 6).

In order to add a leg, click on the "Add Leg" button at the bottom of the screen and a Leg screen will be displayed (fig. 7). **NOTE:** You do not enter information in the list screen below. The system will automatically add this information after you enter the actual Leg information.



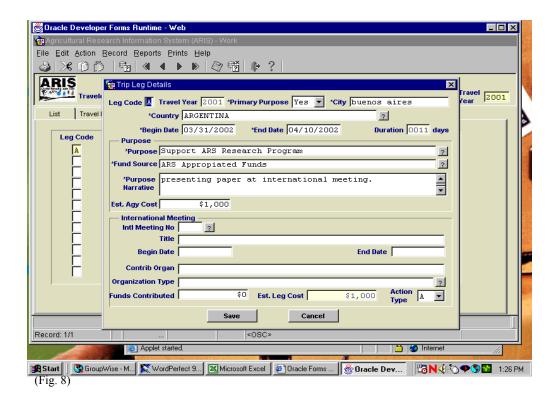


Enter all the information on the Trip Leg Details screen. (See Helpful Information for descriptions/instructions for each field).

If there is a "?" next to the field, you must use the List of Values (LOV) to choose the data. Once in the LOV, highlight the correct option, and then click on OK.

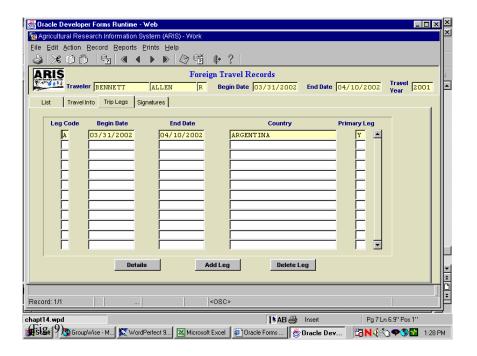
Any field with a "\*" next to it is a required field. Data must be entered before moving to other screens.

Once all data is entered in the Leg Details screen, click on the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen (fig. 8) and you will be brought back to the Trip Leg List screen. The Leg will now be listed on this screen (fig. 9).



If additional legs are required for the trip, click on the "Add Leg" button to add the additional legs.

If Legs are incorrectly entered, highlight the incorrect leg and click on the "Delete Leg" and the leg will be deleted. If items within the Leg need to be modified, highlight the leg on the List screen and then click on the "Details" button. The Leg screen will be displayed. Modify as necessary and then click on "Save."



Entry of the Trip is now complete.

#### **Printing**

In order to print the Foreign Travel, highlight the trip to be printed. Click on "Prints" from the toolbar and then "FTIS." Adobe Acrobat will automatically display the file. Click on the Printer icon to print.

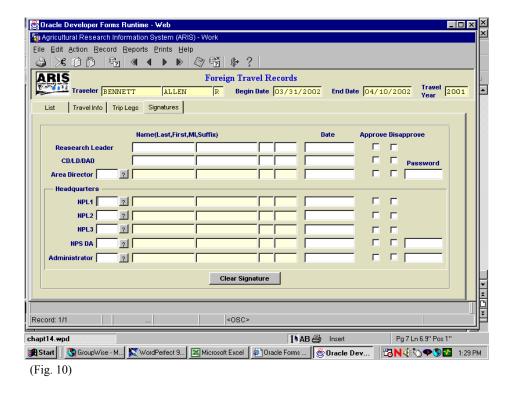
#### Approving Foreign Travel

To approve a Foreign trip, highlight the trip to be approved on the List screen and click on the Signatures tab. The Approval screen will be displayed (fig. 10).

For RL and CD/LD/DAD signature, enter the last name, first name, and middle initial. Then add the date and click on the approved or disapproved box.

For Area signatures, enter the appropriate signature code, date, and click on approved or disapproved. A password is required for Area Director signatures.

(**NOTE:** Follow your Area process for approval of foreign travel).

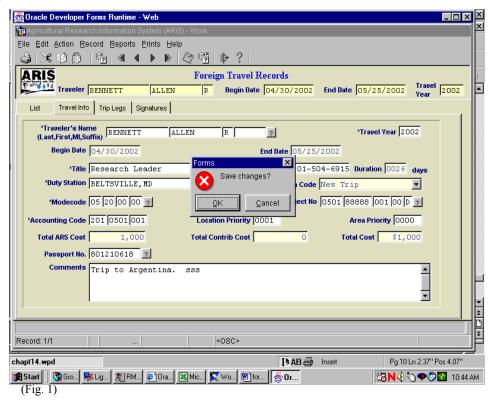


#### Modification of Work Trip/Leg Data

From the Foreign Travel Work List Screen, highlight the trip to be modified.

If general information needs to be modified, such as travel year, accounting code, or comments, click on the Travel Info tab and the Travel Info screen will be displayed. Make any modifications necessary and then click on the List tab to return to the List screen.

The system will prompt you to save changes (fig. 1). Click on OK and your changes will be saved.



If modifications are necessary for Legs, from the List screen highlight the trip to be modified and click on the Trip Legs tab and the Trip Legs List screen will be displayed. Highlight the Leg to be modified and click on the Details button.

Make the necessary modifications and then click on the Save button. The system will save the changes and bring you back to the Leg List screen.

Once all necessary modifications are made, follow your Area process for approval.

Modification of Active Trip/Leg Data

In order to Modify an Active Trip (a trip previously approved), a work record must be created.

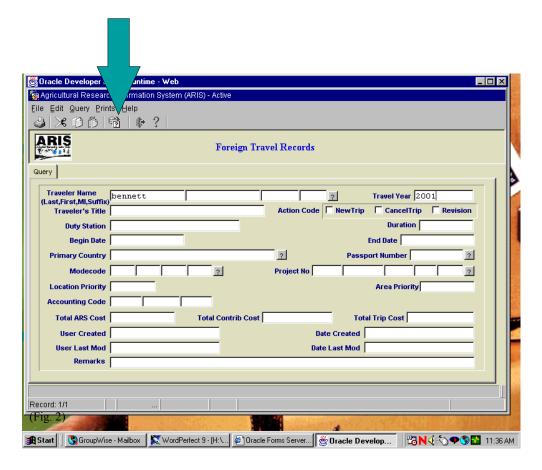
(**NOTE:** A trip cannot be modified once it is past the start date of the trip).

In order to create a work record, from the Travel/Passport Main screen, click on "Active" and "FTIS Records" (fig. 1) and a Query screen will be displayed (fig. 2).

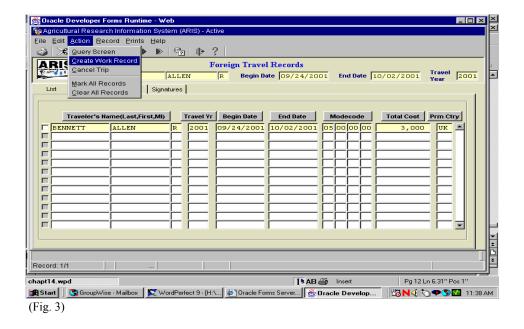


Enter the information on the query screen to obtain the trip that needs modification (fig. 2). Once all data is entered, click on the Execute Query icon and a listing will be displayed with all

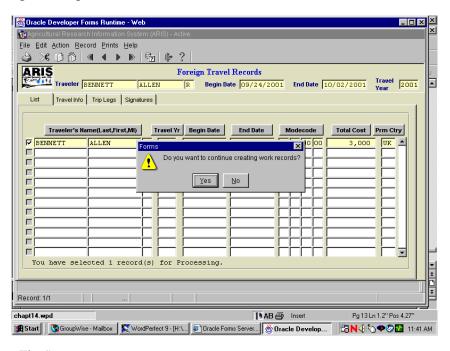
the trips that meet the search criteria (fig. 3)



Once the listing is displayed, mark the trip to be modified and then click on "Action" and "Create Work Record" from the toolbar (fig. 3).



The system will prompt you to make sure you want to create the work record "Do you want to continue creating work records?" (fig. 4). Click on "Yes" and the system will display "Marked Record Processing is Complete."



(Fig. 4)

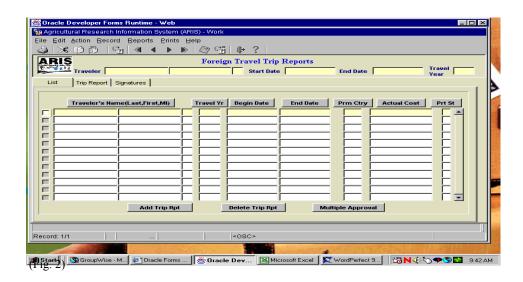
Once the Work record is created, exit out of Active and go to the Work File and follow the Modify Work Trip/Leg Data instructions.

#### Trip Reports

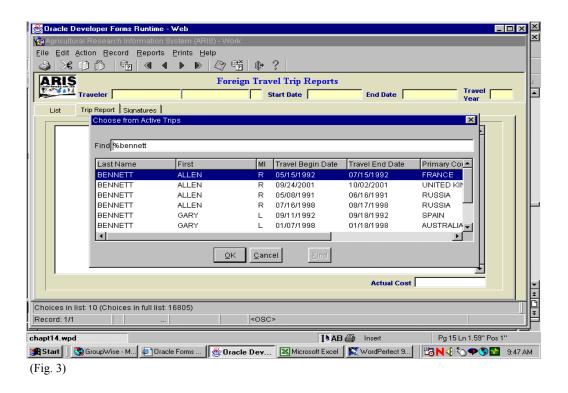
In order to add a Trip Report, from the Travel/Passport main screen, click on "Work" and "Trip Report" from the toolbar (fig. 1).



The Foreign Travel Trip Reports List screen will be displayed. To add a Trip Report, click on the Add Trip Rpt button at the bottom of the screen (fig. 2).

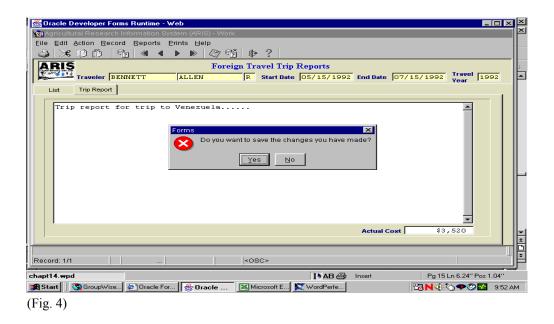


A listing of Active trips will be displayed (fig. 3). Scroll down the listing or search for the appropriate trip/traveler. Once the trip is found, highlight it and click on OK.

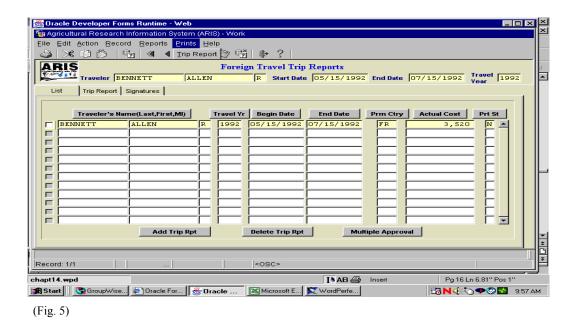


A Trip Report screen will be displayed (fig. 4). Enter the trip report by directly typing in the space provided or copying/pasting into the space. In addition, the Actual Cost of the trip should be entered.

Once all data is entered, click on the List tab, and the system will prompt you to save (fig. 4). Click on Yes and you will be brought back to the Trip Report List screen. The Trip Report will now show here.



In order to print the Trip Report, click on "Prints" and "Trip Report" from the toolbar (fig. 5). Adobe Acrobat will automatically display the Trip Report. To print, click on the Printer icon.



#### Passport Tracking

Once a trip has been approved in the Foreign Travel system, the Passport Tracking system will be used to monitor the flow of paperwork required to process requests for official passports, visas, and country clearances.

All users of the Foreign Travel system are able to view the information in the Passport Tracking System to check the status of their passports and clearances.

From the Travel/Passports main screen, click on "Work" and "Passport Tracking" (fig. 1) or "Status" and "Passport Tracking" and the Passport Tracking List screen will be displayed (fig. 2).

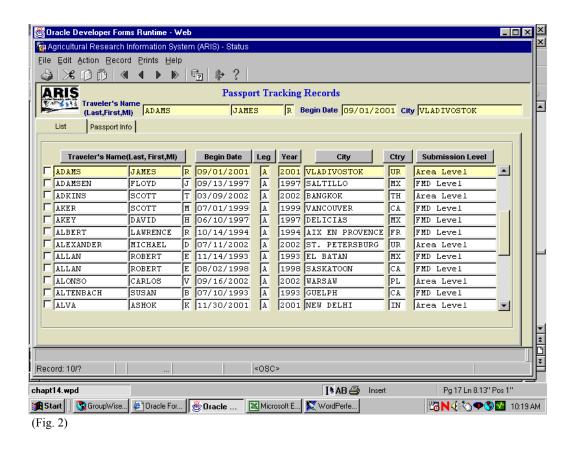


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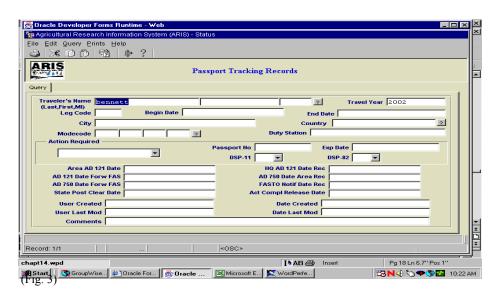
**NOTE:** In Work or Status, Passport tracking is viewed the same way.

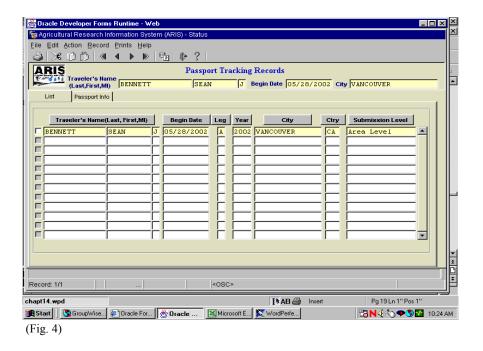
Only Area level personnel can enter or modify information in the Passport system.

Viewing in the *Active* file is done in the same manner. However, the information obtained is for past releases/trips.

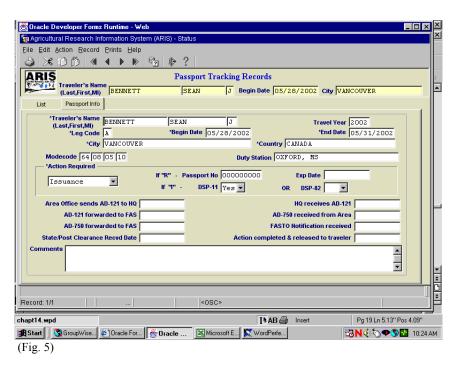


To find a particular traveler or passport record, click on the Query icon and a query screen will be displayed (fig. 3). Enter the search criteria and click on Execute. The system will display all records that meet the criteria (fig. 4).





To view the detailed information, click on the Passport Info tab and the Passport Tracking record will be displayed (fig. 5).



NOTE: Only Area level personnel have access to add/modify information in the Passport Tracking System. All others only have access to view the information.

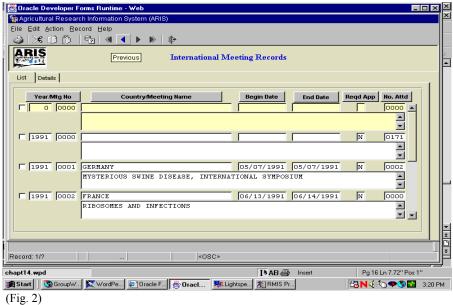
### Reference Tables

Two Reference tables are available for use in the Foreign Travel system -- the Country Table and the International Meeting Table.

To view the International Meeting Reference table, from the Travel/Passport main screen, click on "Reference Tables" and then "International Meeting Table" (fig. 1).

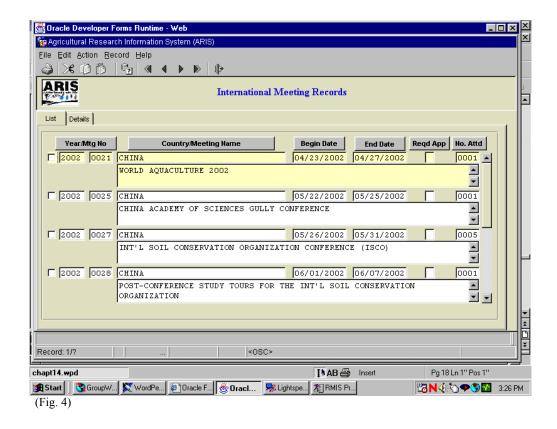


The International Meeting table will be displayed (fig. 2). To search for a specific meeting, country or year, click on the Query icon and a Query screen will be displayed (fig. 3).





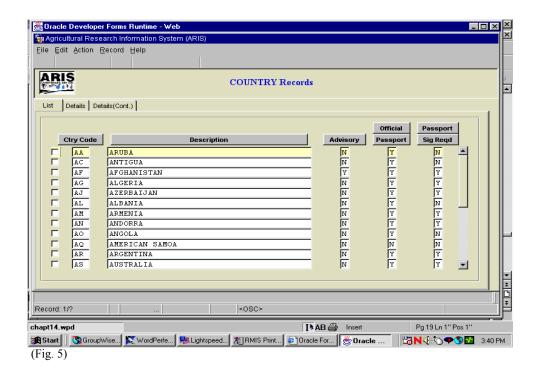
(Example: Searching for all International meetings in China in Travel Year 2002)



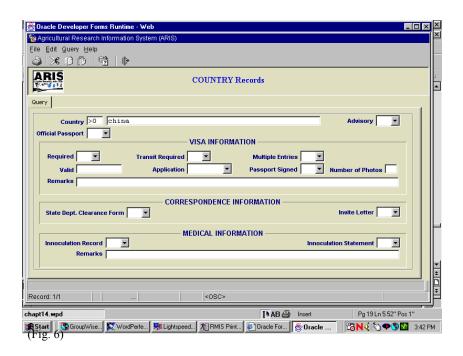
In order to view individual meeting information, highlight the meeting from the listing you wish to view and click on the Details tab and the individual meeting record will be displayed.

#### Country Table

To view the Country table, from the Travel/Passport main menu, click on "Reference Tables" and "Country Table" from the toolbar. The Country table will be displayed (fig. 5).

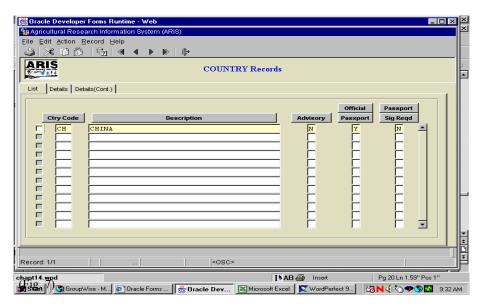


In order to search for a specific country, click on the Query icon and a query screen will be displayed (fig. 6).

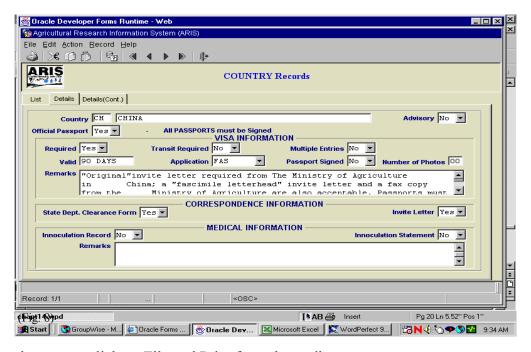


Once all search criteria are entered, click on the Execute query button and a listing will be

displayed based on the criteria entered (fig. 7).



From the List screen, you can view the information for the country by clicking on the Details or Details (cont'd) tab and the country information will be displayed (fig. 8).



To print the screen, click on File and Print from the toolbar.

# Reports

Not available at this time.

### General Helpful Information

Field	Travel Information Input Requirements
Traveler's Name*	Must be chosen by using the List of Values (LOV).
Travel Year*	Enter the 4 digit FMD Travel Year (April 2002 thru March 2003 would be entered as 2002)
Title*	Enter the traveler's position title.
Mode Code*	Choose the traveler's mode code from the LOV. Once the mode code is chosen, the duty station will be filled in by the system based on the mode code.
Phone Number*	Enter the phone number, including area code of the traveler.
Location Priority	Enter a 4-digit Location designated priority number. The priority MUST be unique within the Travel Year and Location. Example, priority 1 would be entered 0001. This is only entered for International Meetings.
Area Priority	Enter a 4-digit Area designated priority number. The priority MUST be unique within the Travel Year and Area. Example, priority 1 would be entered as 0001. <b>This is only entered for International Meetings.</b>
Accounting Code	Enter the primary accounting code that will be paying ARS travel costs. Must be a 10-digit number.
ARS Project No.*	Enter the primary CRIS project. You must select the project from the LOV.
Comments	Enter desired information or information required by your Area and/or Location.
Field	Leg Input Requirements
Leg Code	Enter a single alpha code for each leg of the trip. Leg "A" must be the first stop on a trip and additional stops should be entered in alphabetical sequence.
Primary Purpose	If the current leg is the Primary Purpose of the trip, choose Yes. Only one leg of each trip can be designated as the primary purpose. All other legs, choose No.
City	Enter the name of the city being traveled to on this leg.
Country	Chose the country from the LOV.

Leg Begin Date*	Enter Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Leg End Date*	Enter Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Duration	Duration is system calculated.
Purpose *	Choose the purpose of travel from the LOV
Fund Source*	Choose the source of travel funds from the LOV.
Purpose Narrative*	Enter a narrative for the purpose of travel (ex. Traveling to the AOAC meeting in Germany to present paper entitled "Hog Cholera" by J. Stetka).
Estimated Agency Cost	Enter the estimated cost to ARS (in whole dollars) for this leg of the trip.
International Meeting	Choose the International Meeting Number from the LOV. The International Meeting number should only be entered if Purpose of Travel is Presenting Paper at International Meeting or Attending International Meeting. If purpose is anything other than these two codes, the system will not allow an International meeting number. The meeting must be in the Country designated on the Leg record. (Note: If an international meeting number has not yet been assigned, contact your ATA).
Contributing Organization	Enter the name of the Contributing Organization. Abbreviations may be used.
Organization Type	Choose from the LOV the Contributing Organization Type.
Funds Contributed	Enter the amount of funds contributed (in whole dollars) for this leg of the trip.
Est. Leg Cost	Generated by the system and cannot be modified.
Action Type	Select A or D to indicate if the leg is approved or disapproved.

Note: \* indicates a required field.